

THE TEXAS HOUSE & SENATE PRESENT:

CONSERVATIVE VICTORIES

OF THE 86TH LEGISLATIVE SESSION

STRENGTHENING YOUR RIGHT TO BEAR ARMS

- Protected law-abiding gun owners from being penalized for accidentally carrying in an establishment where guns are prohibited
- Restored the rights of tenants to own and keep firearms and prohibited "no firearms" clauses in leases
- Allowed permitless carry for those evacuating from and returning to a disaster area
- Made it easier for retired peace officers to obtain an LTC
- Closed loopholes in state law used to restrict licensed gun owners from carrying in public buildings
- Eased firearm and ammo storage requirements for foster parents
- Cracked down on inconsistent, patchwork firearms ordinances at the local level
- Restored the rights of places of worship to decide whether licensed carry is permitted on their premises
- Prohibited HOAs from restricting firearms
- Protected business owners from added liability if they choose not to post signs that forbid handguns on the premises



DEFENDING OUR CULTURE OF LIFE

- Dedicated over \$60 million for crisis pregnancy centers and alternatives to abortion
- Required physicians to treat babies who survive botched abortions with the highest degree of medical care in an attempt to save the life of the baby
- Prohibited government from conducting any transaction of goods or services with abortion providers
- Prohibited all abortion providers from receiving taxpayer money
- Required physicians to make every effort to transfer patients on life support to a physician who is willing to provide life extending care
- Required physicians to hand-deliver informational materials to women seeking an abortion if the initial consultation was conducted via phone



PROTECTING TAXPAYERS

- Provided \$5 billion in property tax relief
- Gave Texas voters the opportunity to authorize a constitutional amendment prohibiting a state income tax
 - Improved property tax notice requirements so taxpayers know in real time who is proposing to raise rates, by how much, and when and where they can go to make their voices heard
 - Strengthened public hearing requirements in the property tax system and Chapter 312 economic development program, along with oversight of local bond projects
 - Empowered voters to authorize property tax increases above 3.5% for most taxing units
 - Exempted active duty military from facing penalties for late property tax payments



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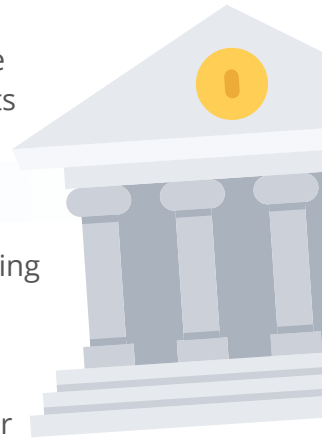
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FORTIFYING CONSTITUTIONAL LIBERTIES

- Prohibited governmental entities from using your tax dollars to deny contracts, loans, licenses or employment opportunities to a person or business over their religious beliefs
- Protected free speech on college campuses and prevented conservative students from being silenced for exercising their First Amendment rights



LIMITING GOVERNMENT

- Passed a fiscally responsible budget that keeps state spending under constitutional spending limits
- Banned the use of red light cameras
- Defended private property rights by ending forced annexation statewide
- Ended "rolling polling", a practice typically used by school districts to sway elections in their favor by strategically moving voting machines around in order to target favorable voters
- Ensured Texas children have the freedom to sell lemonade without big government requiring a permit
- Allowed consumers to buy a case of "beer to go" at breweries

KEEPING TEXAS COMMUNITIES SAFE

- Dedicated roughly \$800 million to border security efforts
- Created a student loan repayment assistance program for peace officers to encourage more Texans to pursue a career in law enforcement
- Invested in human and child sex trafficking prevention, investigation units and anti-gang squads
- Cracked down on illicit trafficking businesses and enhanced investigations and prosecutions
- Increased penalties for buyers of online sex trafficking

PREPARING OUR STATE FOR FUTURE DISASTERS

- Created a property tax exemption for those affected by a declared disaster
- Eased regulatory burdens that slowed response time and debris removal
- Improved infrastructure and regional planning efforts to better mitigate, control, and recover from floods
- Enhanced emergency management training for state and local personnel
- Enhanced public communications channels, data sharing tools and technology to improve disaster management operations

